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CARPENTER'S PLACE™
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JULY

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RELYING ON FAITH - MICHELLE'S SUCCESS STORY

After completing school, Michelle moved back to Rockford to be closer to family, including her adult children. When her truck broke down, she worked some hours at a gas station and paired it with her remaining tax money to pay for the repairs. Shortly after, her temporary living situation ended and Michelle found herself homeless. Looking for help, she came to Carpenter's Place in April 2025. She was determined in her pursuit of success. She wanted to give up many times, but kept telling herself "Things don't always come when you want them to, but when they should - in God's timing." She filled out job applications, went to job fairs, and kept her case manager heavily involved. "You will get a lot of doors that will close, but you have to keep going until the door opens".

Her strength and determination paid off. Michelle recently started a job at Hennig, and has submitted an application to our women's housing program. "You have to rely on faith - Pray constantly, in good times and in bad. And always remember that everything is a learning lesson."



TRANSPORTATION FOR DENNIS

Transportation is one of the biggest challenges for homeless adults trying to rebuild their lives. A reliable bicycle provides a mode of transportation to work, appointments, and support meetings. Carpenter's Place provides guests in our housing programs, like Dennis, a bike (along with a bike light and lock).

CELEBRATING SUCCESS: CARPENTER'S PLACE
25TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER

REGISTER NOW!

CELEBRATE SUCCESS!

EMBASSY SUITES ROCKFORD RIVERFRONT
FRIDAY EVENING
8.22.2025





THE POWER OF A GOOD HAIRCUT

As guests continue to work through the struggles in their lives, the simplicity of getting a haircut brings them joy and comfort. Carpenter's Place has been blessed to have students from The First Cut Barber College partner with us to provide haircuts to our guests. As you can see, the guests were very relaxed as they enjoyed their pampering. As the saying goes: when you look good, you feel good!



THANK YOU, FIELD!

CAN YOU SERVE A MEAL?

JULY OPEN MEAL DATES:

Breakfast: 12, 15, 16, 18, 23, 25, 29, 30

Lunch: 8, 11, 15, 16, 29, 30, 31

AUGUST OPEN MEAL DATES:

Breakfast: 1, 4, 5, 13, 15, 18, 19, 30, 22, 27, 29

Lunch: 4, 6, 7, 8, 12, 19, 20, 25, 29

To provide a meal, or make a monetary donation towards a meal, please contact Rani at RaniG@carpentersplace.org or 779-210-2975.



SHARNITA'S STORY

"I am happy, I am grateful, words can't truly explain how I really feel, but I am so thankful." Were the words Sharnita shared as she moved into her new home. Sharnita entered the Family Services Program in November 2024 after facing housing insecurity for herself and her 3 children. Sharnita has a "make it happen" attitude and did what was necessary to keep her children safe. They slept inside of her friend's beauty salon before finding shelter at Remedies where she was introduced to our program. She is now shining bright with the light that God has given her even when things weren't going so well. Upon exiting the Family Service Program, Sharnita has established secure, stable housing and was offered a job with the school transportation service starting in August! 'God is good all the time - and all the time God is good' is something that Sharnita often says.. and we agree!

URGENT NEED FOR SOCKS!

We are in urgent need of Men's white crew socks!

<https://a.co/dAB4zil>

OTHER JULY NEEDS

Razors

Women and Men's Deodorant

T-shirts (especially XL and higher): any times

Coffee

For a complete list of current needs (and to order directly), please visit our wish list on Amazon: <https://a.co/f0yhWao>